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WAR FOOD ADMINISTRATION
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COTTON AND FIBER BRANCH, WESTERN AREA
SAN FRANCISCO 3, CALIF.

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REGIONAL OFFICE WEEKLY REPORT

ADDITIONAL DISCUSSIONS WERE HELD THIS WEEK WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PERSONNEL AND FISCAL DIVISIONS REGARDING THE PROCEDURE TO BE FOLLOWED THIS SEASON FOR HANDLING OUR WORK. SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS WERE PREPARED FOR PROCESSING THE APPOINTMENTS OF TEMPORARY CLASSERS, AND ALL PRELIMINARY FORMS INCIDENTAL TO ENTRANCE ON DUTY HAVE BEEN MAILED TO THOSE THAT HAVE RESPONDED TO THE INQUIRY OF AVAILABILITY. CERTAIN FISCAL PROCEDURES HAVE BEEN CLARIFIED DURING THE PAST FEW DAYS AND WE ARE NOW PREPARING ALL LETTERS OF AUTHORIZATION FOR THE AREA AND CLASSING OFFICE PERSONNEL.

WE WERE PLEASANTLY SURPRISED BY A TELEPHONE CALL FROM "STAN" RADEMAKER OF THE U.S. MARINE CORPS. HE CALLED US UPON HIS ARRIVAL AT TREASURE ISLAND BUT UNFORTUNATELY WAS UNABLE TO LEAVE THE BASE FOR A VISIT PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FOR DUTY IN THE PACIFIC AREA OF OPERATIONS. HE WAS UNABLE TO DIVULGE HIS SPECIFIC DESTINATION BUT STATED HE WAS APPARENTLY HEADED FOR SOME "SPOTS WHERE FIGHTING HAS BEEN HEAVIEST IN RECENT WEEKS". HE IS ASSIGNED TO SOME PHASE OF REHABILITATION WORK. GOOD LUCK, STAN, AND HURRY BACK SAFELY.

MRS. GEORGIA SNUFFIN, SECRETARY IN THE BAKERSFIELD OFFICE, WAS A WELCOME VISITOR DURING THE WEEK. SHE WAS ON A WELL-EARNED VACATION AND EVIDENTLY ENJOYING THE COOL SAN FRANCISCO WEATHER.

QUOTATIONS FROM FIELD OFFICE WEEKLY REPORTS

BAKERSFIELD - WITH DAILY TEMPERATURES CONTINUING ABOVE THE 100° MARK THE COTTON CROP IS REPORTED AS MAKING EXCELLENT PROGRESS, ALTHOUGH SOME REPORTS INDICATE IT AS SLIGHTLY BEHIND NORMAL FOR THIS PARTICULAR PERIOD OF THE SEASON. WITH FAVORABLE CONDITIONS, HOWEVER, THE PLANTS SHOULD MAKE SUFFICIENT HEADWAY TO OFFSET THE SLOW PROGRESS OCCASIONED BY ABNORMALLY COOL CONDITIONS EXPERIENCED DURING AND FOR SOME TIME AFTER THE PLANTINGS. IT HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED BY MR. J. R. BRIGHT, CHAIRMAN OF THE KERN COUNTY AAA COMMITTEE, THAT THE WAR PRODUCTION BOARD WILL PERMIT MANUFACTURE AND DISTRIBUTION OF CALCIUM CYANAMIDE DUST IN LIMITED QUANTITIES FOR CIVILIAN USE, THEREBY MAKING POSSIBLE THE DEFOLIATION OF COTTON ON A MUCH LARGER SCALE IN 1944; THIS BEING AN ADDED AID TO EFFICIENT PICKING. THIS APPROVAL FOLLOWED RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WAR FOOD ADMINISTRATION FOR ACTION WHICH IS EXPECTED TO ALLEVIATE THE SHORTAGE OF HAND PICKERS AND TO MAKE POSSIBLE THE USE OF MECHANICAL COTTON PICKERS. THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE NUMBER OF MECHANICAL PICKERS TO BE MADE AVAILABLE AND THE METHODS OF DISTRIBUTION IS TO BE MADE IN THE NEAR FUTURE. ROUTINE OFFICE WORK INCLUDED THE CHECKING OF O.G. APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FROM THREE COUNTY AGENTS, ONE OF WHICH WAS RETURNED FOR CERTAIN NECESSARY CORRECTIONS. THOSE COUNTY AGENTS WHO HAVE NOT AS YET FORWARDED THEIR APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONTACTED BY LETTER THE FIRST OF THE WEEK IN ORDER THAT THIS PHASE OF OUR WORK WILL BE COMPLETED NOT LATER THAN THE LAST OF THIS MONTH. ALL NECESSARY CARRY-OVER INSTRUCTIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED. INSTEAD OF COMMENCING THE CHECKING OF OUR CARRY-OVER IMMEDIATELY, WE WILL DELAY THE START OF THIS WORK UNTIL AUGUST 1ST. MR. DIXON SPENT THE ENTIRE WEEK IN LOS ANGELES AS AGENT FOR THE WAR FOOD ADMINISTRATOR ON THE COTTON INSULATION PROGRAM. MR. STANLEY E. ERB SINCE HAS ALSO BEEN APPOINTED TO SERVE IN THIS CAPACITY, THEREFORE, HE WILL ACCOMPANY MR. DIXON TO LOS ANGELES ON MONDAY. AFTER SPENDING SEVERAL DAYS WITH MR. ERB INSTRUCTING HIM IN THE DUTIES OF THIS POSITION MR. DIXON WILL RETURN TO HIS HEADQUARTERS IN BAKERSFIELD. THERE SEEMED TO BE A NOTICEABLE INCREASE IN THE DEMAND FOR THE BETTER GRADES - 1-1/16 STAPLE. THESE WERE MOSTLY FOR FILL-INS, PROMPT SHIPMENTS. INQUIRIES CONTINUE TO BE MAINLY FROM SOUTHEASTERN MILLS.....SMITH.

EL PASO - WITH TEMPERATURES HOVERING AROUND THE 100° MARK COTTON HAS MADE EXCELLENT PROGRESS. ALL COTTON ACREAGE FOR NEW MEXICO IS ESTIMATED AT 110,000 ACRES, A DECREASE OF 2000 ACRES. THE DECREASED ACREAGE OVER 1943 WAS LARGELY A RESULT OF SXP ACREAGE REDUCTION. THIS PAST SEASON THERE WERE 19,000 ACRES PLANTED TO SXP AS AGAINST AN ESTIMATED 1,600 THIS SEASON. THERE SHOULD BE SOME INCREASE IN BALEAGE OF UPLAND COTTON FOR NEW MEXICO MORE THAN OFFSETTING THE LOSS OF SXP. ALL COTTON ACREAGE FOR DISTRICT 6 OF TEXAS IS ESTIMATED AT 74,000 ACRES AS COMPARED TO 76,000 LAST SEASON. OF THIS TOTAL 4,000 ACRES MORE OR LESS ARE IN SXP AS AGAINST 25,000 THIS PAST SEASON. THERE SHOULD BE AN INCREASE IN BALEAGE OF UPLAND COTTON FOR TEXAS MORE THAN OFFSETTING THE LOSS OF SXP. MR. MACKEIL ACCOMPANIED BY MR. WALLACE JOHNSON OF NEW MEXICO STATE COLLEGE, HAVE BEEN IN A TRAVEL STATUS IN NEW MEXICO IN CONNECTION WITH THE COTTON IMPROVEMENT SEED PROGRAM AND SMITH-DOXEY ORGANIZATION WORK. CERTIFICATION THIS WEEK OF GRADE AND STAPLE ON APPROXIMATELY 4,000 BALES OF SXP BROUGHT TOTAL CERTIFICATION UP TO 7,000 BALES. THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 1,000 BALES YET TO BE CERTIFIED TO. PAPERS WERE FORWARDED ON THE 14TH CONTINGENT TO

THE TRANSFER OF MISS MARY MICHEL TO THE POSITION OF CLERK-STENOGRAPHER. INFORMAL BIDS HAVE BEEN PREPARED AND WILL BE LET ON THE 17TH FOR THE HAULING AND BALING OF ALL S-D LOOSE ACCUMULATIONS FOR THE 1944-45 SEASON. DEMAND LIGHT, INQUIRIES FEW, VERY LITTLE APPARENT INTEREST IN FORWARD SALES. VERY LITTLE MOVEMENT IN EQUITIES IN EL PASO AREA. NO ACTIVITY IN SXP.....BUTTERWORTH.

PHOENIX - DAYS HAVE BEEN HOT, AND THE NIGHTS VERY COOL. ACCORDING TO THE WEATHER BUREAU, SEVERAL MORNINGS HAVE BEEN THE COLDEST OF CORRESPONDING DATES SINCE THE BUREAU WAS ESTABLISHED SOME FORTY-NINE YEARS AGO. COTTON IS MAKING EXCELLENT PROGRESS, SEVERAL FARMERS REPORTING THAT THEIR EARLIER COTTON HAS ALREADY PUT ON ENOUGH BLOOMS AND BOLLS TO MAKE A BALE OR MORE TO THE ACRE. ALL ARE OF THE OPINION THAT ARIZONA IS WELL ON THE WAY TO MAKING A VERY HIGH YIELD PER ACRE THIS COMING SEASON. ACCORDING TO THE DIVISION OF AGRICULTURE STATISTICS ARIZONA HAS 138,600 ACRES PLANTED TO SHORT STAPLE COTTON. THIS IS APPROXIMATELY A 26% INCREASE OVER LAST YEAR'S SHORT STAPLE ACREAGE. THE INCREASE IS DUE TO THE DRASTIC REDUCTION IN SXP, WHICH ACREAGE IS ESTIMATED AT 8,400 ACRES THIS SEASON. ONLY FOUR OF THE TWELVE SMITH-DOXEY APPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED, TWO HAVING BEEN RETURNED FOR CORRECTION AND THE OTHER TWO HAVE NOT YET BEEN RETURNED TO US FROM THE STATE REVIEW COMMITTEE. WE HAVE WRITTEN DR. MATLOCK REGARDING THIS MATTER AND HOPE THAT THIS PHASE OF THE WORK WILL BE SPEEDED UP IN THE NEAR FUTURE. WE RECEIVED OUR CARRY-OVER LIST FROM SAN FRANCISCO THIS MORNING, AND AS SOON AS THE SCHEDULES BEGIN TO ARRIVE WE WILL START ON THIS WORK. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THERE IS VERY LITTLE FREE COTTON IN ARIZONA THIS YEAR. WE WISH TO COMPLIMENT MRS. SPEER ON THE VERY EFFICIENT MANNER IN WHICH SHE MANAGED THE OFFICE DURING OUR ABSENCE. APPROXIMATELY 1,000 BALES OF 1943 EQUITIES WERE SOLD THE PAST WEEK. SLM AND BETTER BROUGHT FROM FOUR TO FIVE DOLLARS PER BALE; THE LOWER GRADES SOLD MOSTLY AT ONE DOLLAR. SXP EQUITIES ARE BRINGING TWO CENTS PER POUND.....CRITTENDON.

LOS ANGELES - VERY HEAVY FOGS AND CLOUDS HAVE PREVAILED EACH MORNING THIS WEEK AND ON SEVERAL DAYS THE FOG HAS REMAINED UP UNTIL 2:30 OR 3:00 PM, WITH SUNSHINE DURING THE AFTERNOONS. TEMPERATURES HAVE RANGED FROM THE MIDDLE FIFTIES UP TO THE MIDDLE SEVENTIES. THE WEATHERMAN HAS STATED FOR THE PERIOD JUNE AND UP TO JULY 12, LOS ANGELES HAS EXPERIENCED ITS MOST CONTINUOUS FOGS IN 67 YEARS. PRODUCTION THIS WEEK HAS SHOWN A SIZEABLE INCREASE OVER ANY WEEK FOR OVER A MONTH, WITH ABOUT 20,900 NET POUNDS OF INSULATION HAVING BEEN PRODUCED FOR SHIPMENT. MR. ROY YOUNG, JR., SALES MANAGER OF NATIONAL AUTOMOTIVE FIBRES, INC., HAS STATED THEIR LOS ANGELES DISTRIBUTOR HAS SOLD INSULATION ON A PREFABRICATED HOUSING PROJECT FOR ESCONDIDO, CALIFORNIA WHICH INVOLVES AROUND 125,000 SQUARE FEET OF 1" AND 2" NATIONAL INSULATION. THIS IS THE FIRST PREFABRICATED HOUSING WORK AND IT IS RECEIVING SPECIAL INTEREST AS A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF THIS TYPE IS ANTICIPATED IN POST-WAR CONSTRUCTION. SHIPMENTS MADE SINCE REPORT DATED JULY 7, 1944 HAVE TOTALED 3,534 NET POUNDS, BRINGING THE TOTAL SHIPMENTS TO DATE ON THE 1944 ALLOTMENT TO 163,548 NET POUNDS.....DIXON.

O.G. APPLICATIONS, WESTERN AREA, WEEK ENDING JULY 18, 1944

	ARIZONA				CALIFORNIA		NEW MEXICO		TEXAS
	DIST.				DIST.		DIST.		DIST.
	1	2	3	4	1	2	1	2	6
	NO.	NO.	NO.	NO.	NO.	NO.	NO.	NO.	NO.
APPROVED	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	9

COTTON CLASSED, WESTERN AREA, THROUGH JULY 14, 1944

	WEEK	SEASON						TOTAL
	TOTAL	CROP	O.G.	FORM A	LOAN	FUTURES	OTHERS	
BAKERSFIELD	NONE							NONE
EL PASO	NONE							NONE
PHOENIX	43						43	43
TOTAL	43						43	43

WILLIAM B. LANHAM, MANAGER
WESTERN AREA